



House of Commons

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Urgent Question: Attack on Lhubiriha secondary school in Uganda on 16 June (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

3 Statement: Cost of living support (Tom Pursglove)

4 Outdoor Education Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Tim Farron presented a Bill to require that every child be offered at least one outdoor education experience during primary school years and at least one such experience during secondary school years; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 329).

5 Children in Hospital for Extended Periods (Report to Parliament): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the merits of providing financial support for parents of children receiving care in hospital for extended periods;

That Sir Oliver Heald, Dr Caroline Johnson, Margaret Beckett, Sir Robert Syms, Valerie Vaz, Sir Paul Beresford, Gareth Thomas, Mrs Flick Drummond, Clive Efford, Selaine Saxby, Stephen McPartland and Jackie Doyle-Price present the Bill.

Sir Oliver Heald accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 328).

6 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Finance (No. 2) Bill: Procedure not later than 45 minutes after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, until any hour, and may be entered upon after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Julie Marson.)

7 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Procedure

Resolved, That (notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills) provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the application of section 12 of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.—(*Victoria Atkins*.)

8 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC4—(*Victoria Atkins*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC5—(*Victoria Atkins*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC7—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 259

Ayes: 202 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Robert Langan, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendments 9 to 13 made.

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*James Murray*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 260

Ayes: 192 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 294 (Tellers: Robert Langan, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendments 14 to 19 made.

Consideration completed.

9 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 15 May, be approved.—(*Robert Langan*.)

Question agreed to.

11 Standing Orders (Consideration of Estimates)

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates) shall apply for the remainder of this Session as if for the word 'Three' in line 1, there were substituted the word 'Five'.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

12 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Glasgow Central relating to the planned closure of the Bank of Scotland's Pollokshields Branch was presented and read by Alison Thewliss.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Public transport accessibility in Bolton West constituency (Chris Green)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Lagan.*)

Adjourned at 5.00 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

14 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

15 Energy Bill [Lords] Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

16 Victims and Prisoners Bill

Julie Elliott (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2023)

Chair: Carolyn Harris in place of Ian Paisley.

*Select Committees: Reports***18 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 20 June to be published (Ian Mearns).

19 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *The Post Office*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1501);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to a consultation on umbrella companies*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Trade Remedies Authority relating to dumping of optical fibre cable*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Department for Business and Trade Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

20 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Media Bill*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1287);

(2) *The work of ITV*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1441)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

21 Defence Committee

(1) *Armed Forces readiness*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1317);

(2) *Defence equipment and support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1099)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

22 Education Committee

Teacher recruitment, training and retention: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1207) (Mr Robin Walker).

23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Species Reintroduction*:

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 849);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 849);

(2) *Marine Mammals*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 697);

(3) *Fisheries negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1032);

(4) *Plastic waste*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 22);

(5) *Resources and Waste Provision Common Framework*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1262);

(6) *Soil health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 963)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

24 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Stolen years: combatting state hostage diplomacy: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1596);

(2) *The situation in Sudan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1312)

(Alicia Kearns).

25 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Work of the Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1093);

(2) *Assisted suicide/assisted dying*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(3) *Correspondence with the Alzheimer's Society relating to modifying treatment for Alzheimer's*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Pharmaceutical Council relating to the evaluation of Government commitments made on pharmacy services in England*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister relating to Biological Security Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister of State at Department of Health and Social Care relating to the Healthcare (International Arrangements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to the infected blood scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to the influenza vaccine programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Expert panel: evaluation of Government commitments in the area of pharmacy in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1310)

(Steve Brine).

26 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee on the)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1136) (Andrew Percy).

27 Home Affairs Committee

Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1359) (Dame Diana Johnson).

28 International Development Committee

(1) *Future of UK aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 148);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the ODA Board Launch*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the 2022 provisional statistics on international development*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the humanitarian crisis in Sudan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Investment for development: The UK's strategy towards Development Finance Institutions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884)

(Sarah Champion).

29 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Civil Service Human Resources*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1399);

(2) *Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Cabinet Office: Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Common Framework scrutiny: Motor insurance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1047);

(5) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary relating to the Cabinet Manual update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the 2023 UK Biological Security Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister of State in the Cabinet Office relating to the commencement of the Independent Review of the UK Statistics Authority*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the National Statistician relating to population and migration statistics*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

30 Standards (Committee on)

All-Party Parliamentary Groups consultation: Written evidence, to be published (HC 228) (Sir Chris Bryant).

31 Transport Committee

(1) *Accessible transport: legal obligations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 580);

(2) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 641)

(Iain Stewart).

32 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Equality and the UK asylum process*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 93);

(2) *Attitudes towards women and girls in educational settings*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 331);

(3) *Menopause and the workplace*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 91)

(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.39 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Smokefree 2030 target

Resolved, That this House has considered the Smokefree 2030 target.—(*Bob Blackman*.)

2 Role of volunteer groups in rural settings

Resolved, That this House has considered the role of volunteer groups in rural settings.—(*Anthony Mangnall*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.28am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Role of local authorities in supporting co-operatives and alternative businesses

Resolved, That this House has considered the role of local authorities in supporting co-operatives and alternative businesses.—(*Dame Meg Hillier*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 4.11 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

4 The podiatry workforce and patient care

Resolved, That this House has considered the podiatry workforce and patient care.—(*John McDonnell*.)

5 Sustainability of heritage sites across the UK

Resolved, That this House has considered the sustainability of heritage sites across the UK.—(*Jamie Stone*.)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 5.36 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Seeds

Seed Marketing (Heterogeneous Material) (Temporary Experiment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 676), dated 19 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

2 Switzerland No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at London on 14 June 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on Recognition of Professional Qualifications (by Command) (CP 869), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Other papers

3 Higher Education and Research

Report and Accounts of the Office for Students for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1386) (Robert Halfon)

4 Independent Expert Panel

The Conduct of John Nicolson MP (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 1561) (Clerk of the House)